

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Barrett W. Rich for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Barrett W. Rich of Somerville is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rich is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Fayette, McNairy, and Hardeman Counties and the 94th House District; and

WHEREAS, he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Rich distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 94th House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve three consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 106th through the 108th General Assemblies, Barrett Rich is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Rich currently renders sterling service as the Chairman of the Health Subcommittee and as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee, the Ethics Committee, and the Health Committee. He also served as the Majority Whip during the 107th General Assembly and as the Assistant Floor Leader during the 106th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Rich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Bethel College, a Juris Doctorate from the Nashville School of Law, and is a graduate of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper School; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies on the local level as a member of the Somerville Rotary, the Young Republicans, Tennessee Right to Life, the Fraternal Order of Police, Farm Bureau, the board of directors of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, and the South Tipton Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Representative Rich is a 32nd Degree Mason and an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Barrett Rich worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Barrett Rich is most appreciative of the love of his daughter; and

WHEREAS, Representative Barrett Rich is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Barrett W. Rich for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his

countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Fayette, McNairy, and Hardeman Counties and the 94th House District and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.